

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MINN-IOWA COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-25
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued October 7, 1999)

On July 16, 1999, Minn-Iowa Communications, L.L.C. (Minn-Iowa), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Minn-Iowa intends to provide local exchange service in the Ankeny, Ames, Iowa Falls, and Mason City exchanges currently served by U S West Communications, Inc. No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Minn-Iowa's application and finds Minn-Iowa has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Minn-Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Minn-Iowa Communications, L.L.C., on July 16, 1999, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time Minn-Iowa files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Minn-Iowa; upon approval of maps and other documentation which will define the service territory where Minn-Iowa desires to serve all eligible customers; and upon filing a statement that a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity is available for all customers, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Minn-Iowa to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of October, 1999.